

REMARKS

The objections, rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated March 3, 2003 have been carefully reviewed by the Applicant. In response, Claims 1 and 4-10 are cancelled, and replaced with new Claims 11-19.

Claims 1 and 4-10 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under various combinations of Blitz et al. (US 5170267), Haikin et al. (US 6512845), and Anderson, II et al. (US 5495329). In response, Claims 1 and 4-10 have been canceled and replaced by new Claims 11-19 that are patentably distinguished from the combination of Blitz, Haikin, and Anderson. The combination of Blitz, Haikin, and Anderson fails to teach or suggest every element of the invention as claimed in Claims 11-19. Specifically, AA fails to teach a method for partial calibration that uses operational data that is restricted to data from previous scans and calibrations, as is described in new independent Claim 11.

Blitz, Haikin, and Anderson all explicitly teach a calibration process that involves an immediate scan of a reference strip or reference document in order to produce reference data for the calibration in process. This is equivalent to the "full calibration" referred to in the present specification. In contrast, the partial calibration as described in Claim 1 relies only on previous data, and does not involve an immediate scan or a reference strip or reference document.

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A further distinction between the combination of Blitz, Haikin, and Anderson, and the present claimed invention is that the partial calibration is performed in response to a condition recognized by the image capture system, and is not initiated by a user performing a scan to provide reference data.

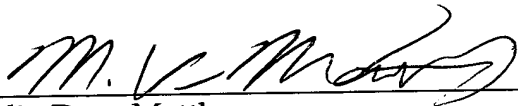
The differences between the invention as claimed in Claims 11-19 and the conventional calibration approach of Blitz, Haikin, and Anderson is pointed out in the specification at page 13, lines 7-10.

In summary, Applicant asserts that Claims 11-19 are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits such action by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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